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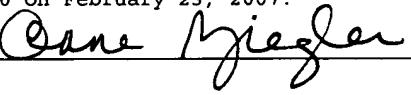
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
APPLICATION NO. 10/648,585

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Application No.: 10/648,585  
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For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 23, 2006**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond.

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Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of Time for two-months.

With this Amendment and Response, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided with this paper as provided in:

**Listing of Claims** that begin on page 3;

**Remarks** that begin on page 7; and

**Conclusion** that begins on page 13 of this paper.